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GENEVA FOR WISNER

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

SUBJECT: UN RHODESIA SANCTIONS

REFERENCE: STATE 292205

1. ERIC MARSTON OF THE FCO RHODESIA DEPARTMENT TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER DECEMBER 9 THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS INDEED DRAFTING A RESOLUTION ON EXPANDING UN SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, BUT THAT THE EXERCISE IS A TACTICAL MOVE TO HEAD OFF A MORE DEMANDING ALTERNATIVE POSSIBLY PUT FORWARD BY THE SWEDES. THE FCO, HOWEVER, IS IN NO HURRY TO TABLE A DRAFT. CONSCIOUS OF THE DELICACY OF THE GENEVA TALKS, MARSTON SAID UKUN WOULD NOT INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION WHICH COULD IN ANY WAY PROVE AWKWARD FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. MOREOVER, HE EXPECTS THE BRITISH DRAFT TO BE GENERAL, CALLING ON STATES "TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT CAPITAL FLOWS TO OFFICES OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME." THERE IS NO DECISION WHETHER CONSULAR, INFORMATION AND AIRLINE OFFICES WOULD BE SPECIFIED.

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2. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE DIFFICULTIES THAT SUCH A

RESOLUTION COULD PRESENT, MARSTON SAID THAT, IN THE END, BRITAIN MUST BE SEEN TO BE DETERMINED TO APPLY AND ENFORCE SANCTIONS. EMBASSY OFFICER UNDERSCORED THE PROBLEMS OF TIMING IN MOVING FORWARD ON A RESOLUTION AND STRESSED U.S. INTEREST IN SEEING THE DRAFT BEFORE IT IS TABLED. MARSTON WAS RECEPTIVE TO BOTH POINTS.

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